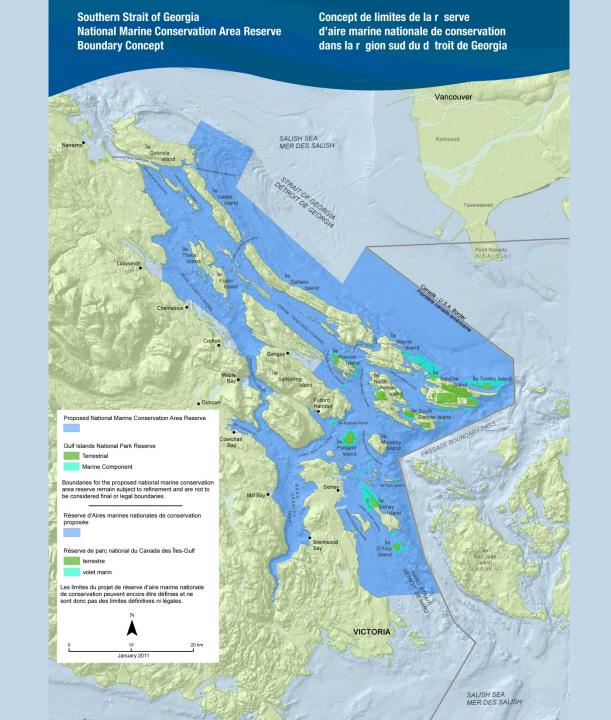
Proposed Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (pSSoG-NMCAR)

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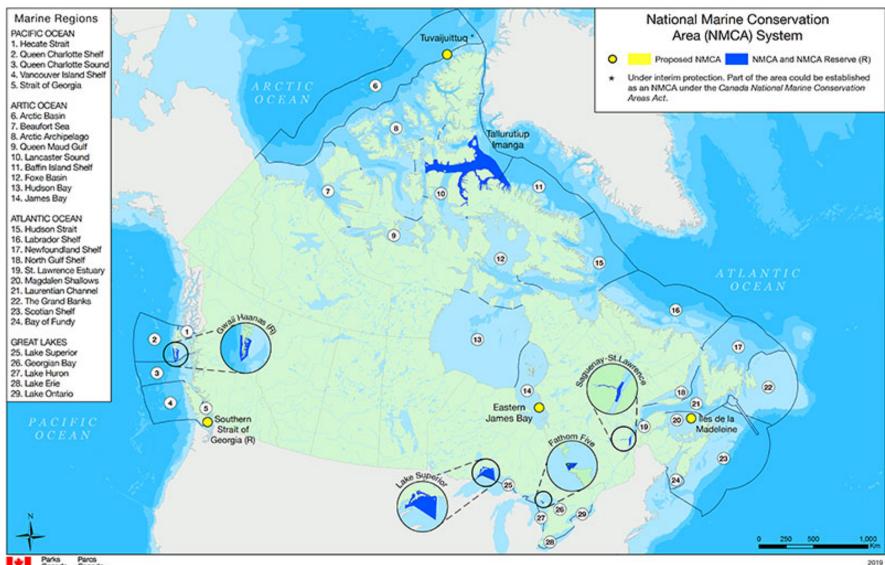
What is a NMCA(R)?

A national marine conservation area (NMCA) is a type of marine protected area that is managed and used in an ecologically sustainable manner and that meets the needs of present and future generations. It helps maintain healthy, functioning ecosystems and includes the seabed, the water above it and all living resources.

What is a NMCA(R)?

Activities such as commercial and recreational fishing, commercial shipping, marine transportation, utility corridors, and a range of recreation and tourism activities continue in an NMCA, but with an emphasis on conservation-oriented management practices. Traditional food, social and ceremonial harvesting by First Nations peoples continues in an NMCA reserve. Oil and gas exploration and development, and mining are not allowed. Ocean dumping is only allowed under certain conditions.

NMCA(R)s in Canada



NMCA Establishment Process



Following a series of studies and consultations with the Government of British Columbia, the Southern Strait of Georgia was selected as the candidate area to represent the Strait of Georgia marine region.

Feasibility Assessmen Parks Canada, in partnership with the Government of British Columbia, works with First Nations, local governments, stakeholders and Canadians to compile background information and explore the proposal's opportunities and challenges. The information is then assessed to determine if the NMCA reserve is feasible.

Negotiatio

The Federal and Provincial governments enter negotiations about establishment details, including the final boundary. Negotiations conclude with a formal NMCA establishment agreement. There may also be agreements with First Nations related to their involvement in the NMCA reserve.

Interim Managemer Plan An interim management plan is a strategic guide for the first five years of operation of the NMCA reserve. It includes management objectives and a zoning plan, and is developed through consultations.

Establishment

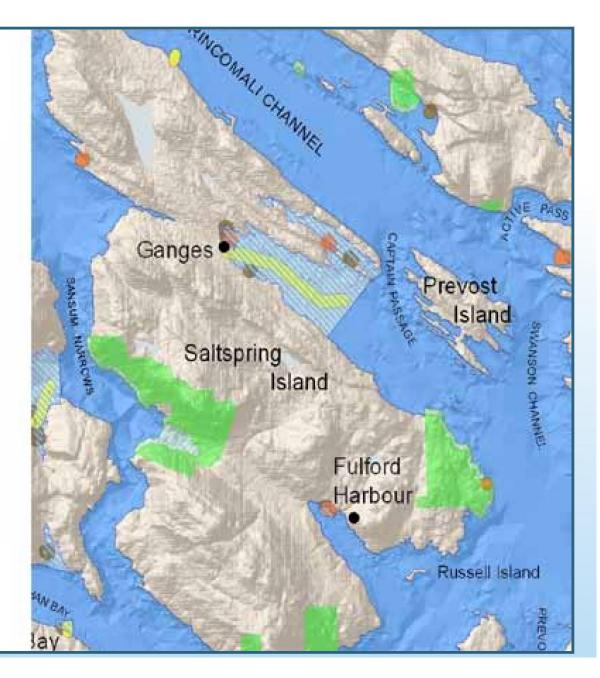
An amendment to the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act* is made to add a description of the NMCA reserve boundary.

- 1) Boundary
- 2) Governance
- 3) Potential Impacts & Benefits

1) Boundary

- Rationale
- Potentially Excluded Areas
- Human component of the environment needs to be considered

EXAMPLE: Proposed excluded areas Proposed National Marine Conservation Area Reserve Excluded Areas Harbours, Bays and Coves Parks and Ecological Reserve buffers Provincial Parks and Ecological Reserves Buffered Tenures Commercial Industrial Transportation Utility 10 km





2) Governance

- –Parks Canada's Spectrum of Cooperative Management Strategies
- –Discussions on Co-Governance alongside neighbours

- 3) Potential Impacts and Benefits
 - Socio-Cultural & Economic ImpactAnalysis
 - Potential Impacts and Benefits
 - Social Determinants to Health
 - Baseline: Pre-Settlement

